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MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Gary Abud, 2013-2014 Michigan Teacher of the Year

SUBJECT: Teach of the Year Report

- Participated in a panel discussion with community members from Grosse Pointe at the League of Women Voters Technology Forum.
- Worked with local media in Grosse Pointe to provide information about technology readiness, statewide assessment, and digital learning.
- Led a teacher technology task force in developing a strategic plan for digital learning in my district.
- Attended the Galileo Teacher Leadership Academy workshop on inquiry-based teaching and action research.
- Represented Michigan and attended the 2014 National Teacher of the Year Conference in Scottsdale, AZ with Ann-Marie Smith, where I worked and learned with other National State Teachers of the Year on teaching, learning, and leading through the Council of Chief State School Officers Program.
- Interviewed with Michigan Radio about being a connected educator for a future segment on All Things Considered about education in the digital age.
- Worked with teachers at Oxford High School in their Professional Learning Communities on high-leverage instructional strategies.
- Presented at the District Professional Development Day for Bay City Schools, where I gave the keynote and led a breakout session on teaching & learning.

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- Led the winter meeting of the Detroit Metro Area Physics Teachers Association at Grosse Isle High School.
- Met with district administrators in Grosse Pointe to plan instructional coaching to support school improvement plans.
- Organized and ran the Student Technology Showcase in Grosse Pointe where student teams presented how they use technology to enhance learning.
- Presented to the Parents Club in Rochester Community Schools on mobile apps for learning.
- Participated in a panel discussion at the 3rd Annual Poverty Conference at Wayne State University.
- Worked with probationary teachers in Grosse Pointe at the New Teacher Small Group.
- Organized and ran the 4th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta at Grosse Pointe North High School for physics students. This engineering challenge requires teams to build and race boats made only of cardboard and duct tape, but also to create a presentation explaining the physics behind the boats.
- Moderated the statewide Teacher Leadership Challenge on my website and blog for Michigan teachers to connect and share ideas about education.